

Rain Swift, RN & EMT of Aiea, HI
James Tarver, Assistant Operations Supervisor of Natchez, MS

Wendy Unmacht, Paramedic of Nashville, TN

Joshua Young, Flight Respiratory Therapist of Perrysburg, OH

Carlos Valdez Acosta-Meza, Paramedic Supervisor of San Diego County, CA

Micheline Allaire Clement, Flight Nurse of Ypsilanti, MI

Renata Baboolal, EMT of Trinidad and Tobago

Frank Berlanga, Paramedic of Nashville, TN

Darla Biggerstaff, Paramedic of Waco, TX

Lance Blythe, Flight Paramedic of Fayette County, GA

Jeffery Boyd, Operations Supervisor of Linn County, KS

Eric Bradshaw, Firefighter/Paramedic of Knoxville, TN

Kyle Brule, Lead Paramedic of Stone Mountain, GA

James Burns, EMT of Seattle, WA

Pete Carlson, Paramedic Field Training Officer of Multnomah and Josephine counties, OR

Jason Dau, Flight Nurse of Kotzebue, AK

Dubravka Frost, Paramedic of Contra Costa County, CA

Michael Gibson, Flight Nurse of Salinas, CA

Cathy Heikes, Flight Nurse of Dodge City, KS

Kimberly Hiner, EMT of Hemet, CA

Brooke Holoubek, Flight Nurse of Napa, CA

Franchon Jackson, Dispatch Communications Supervisor of Jackson, MS

Bryanna Johnson, Base Clinical Nurse Lead of Harrisburg, IL

Daniel MacDowell, Reserve Firefighter of Grants Pass, OR

Cassandra Moreno, EMT of Tucson, AZ

Nicole Piazza, Paramedic of West Hartford, CT

Jack Rathgeber, Field Supervisor of Alamogordo, NM

KC Robbins, Paramedic Supervisor of Macomb, IL

Dylan Schoch, Paramedic of Prescott, AZ

Robert Sebree, Paramedic of Ventura County, CA

Lauren Van Damme, Fixed Wing Pilot of Greenville, SC

Mario Vialpando, Field Training Officer of Pueblo, CO

Lauri Wempen, Flight Paramedic of Riverton, WY

Todd Wobbe, Paramedic of Belleville, IL

Posthumous Honors

Jacob Dindinger, EMT of Tucson, AZ

Clifford Fontaine, AEMT of Las Vegas, NV

William Levi, AEMT of Las Vegas, NV

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL SARA JOYNER

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I rise today to wish to recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral Sara Joyner of the U.S. Navy on her faithful service to our Nation as the Department of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs from May 2020 to May 2022.

An amazing leader and warfighter, Rear Admiral Joyner demonstrated outstanding commitment to strengthening the Navy's relationship with the Members of Congress during a turbulent time for our country and institutions as the world navigated a global pandemic that fundamentally changed the way we all interact, communicate,

and live. As COVID-19 brought some organizations to a complete stand-still, Rear Admiral Joyner found new and innovative ways to keep open the lines of communication between the Department of the Navy and Congress, ensuring that the work we do on behalf of the Nation, our sailors, marines and their families went on.

As the first woman ever to command a Super Hornet squadron and then Carrier Air Wing, with a career legacy of breaking down barriers, it is no surprise Rear Admiral Joyner brings tenacity to any job, a quality both necessary and appreciated here on Capitol Hill. She understood the importance of maintaining a strong partnership between senior Navy leadership and the Hill, and never shied away from tough conversations. With enormous pride, she shared the wonderful stories and accomplishments of our sailors and marines, while also representing the Navy with professionalism and grace when the news was not good and, at times even heartbreaking.

Rear Admiral Joyner has a clear-eyed understanding of our Nation's resurgent adversaries and the future implications for our maritime forces, specifically about the Columbia-class, shipbuilding, maintenance, and technology; a great spirit, she was fond of laughing about how a naval aviator could spend so much time talking about submarines. Her team is the reason senior Navy leaders are always well prepared in hearings, calls, and briefings.

Rear Admiral Joyner's team has worked tirelessly to educate the Members of Congress and our staff on the challenging issues facing the Department of the Navy, support hearings on vital issues, ensure the annual National Defense Authorization Acts are thoughtfully developed, as well as assist with providing diligence to the countless requests for assistance from our constituents. Her liaisons escorted congressional delegations on travel around the world with professionalism and a remarkable level of attention to the smallest details. On behalf of my colleagues and the entire U.S. Senate, I want to personally thank Rear Admiral Sara Joyner for her more than three decades of dedicated service to the Navy and our Nation. She will certainly be missed. I especially want to recognize and thank her incredibly supportive husband, James, and children Sara and Mark, and wish them "fair winds and following seas."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES HOUGH

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Dr. James Hough of Lewis and Clark County as Montanan of the Month for his compassion and kindness toward his fellow Montana veterans and his dedication to providing them with the quality care they deserve.

Dr. Hough began his career of service at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Excellence in Anesthesia and Pain Management. He began his work serving as the only pain management provider in Montana for the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2018. Dr. Hough started with just a few patients, and over the past few years, he has rapidly expanded his reach, having a meaningful impact on the lives of thousands of Montana veterans across the State.

One of Dr. Hough's many success stories is with a veteran from Billings who was in a wheelchair and in low spirits thinking his quality of life would never improve. He and his wife took regular trips from Billings to visit Dr. Hough for consultations and procedures. Dr. Hough's patient progressively moved from a wheelchair, to a walker, to a cane, and eventually needing little to no support. The veteran's wife expressed how his demeanor and outlook on life was improved with Dr. Hough's help.

It is clear that Dr. Hough truly cares about his patients and ensuring many generations of Montana veterans have the quality of life they deserve. Dr. Hough truly embodies the values and spirit of a Montanan. It is my honor to recognize Dr. Hough for his service to our great State and Nation and for his dedication to improving the lives of his fellow Montana veterans. Keep up the great work, Dr. Hough. You make Montana and our country proud.●

RECOGNIZING CORETRANS

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week, I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, CoreTrans of Somerset, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

As you all know, the legacy of the COVID-19 pandemic has burdened the global economy with tangled supply chains, drastically prolonged shipping schedules, and an insatiable level of consumer demand. Given this current climate it gives me great pleasure to honor a Kentucky small business operating on the front lines of the supply chain crisis. Founded in 2002, CoreTrans was started by Brian Whitaker, a third generation Whitaker in the transportation business. Brian and the whole team at CoreTrans have played a vital role in the recovery from the pandemic and subsequent government lockdowns and they continue to support local commerce within the community.

Brian Whitaker is the youngest of three generations of truckers. Perhaps it is that collective expertise between him and his family that has allowed Brian to lead CoreTrans through years of tremendous growth. Getting his

start in the early years of the new millennium, CoreTrans started out with 25 trucks. Now, CoreTrans includes a fleet of over 150 trucks, 300 53-foot dry van trailers, and a driver fleet of 200 drivers. Their trucks and trailers are equipped with state of the art aerodynamics and satellite based mobile communication systems, which allows their team to track and monitor all vehicles on a 24-hour basis. Though the business is outfitted with impressive technology, the CoreTrans staff and their years of experience are the most vital part of the operation.

The leadership and staff at CoreTrans understand that in this fast-paced world of online deliveries and instant gratification, time is money. Therefore, they operate with the knowledge that there is no room for error or broken promises. The mission of CoreTrans is to provide safe, on-time delivery of customer freight at a competitive rate with the most efficient and responsive customer service in the industry. Their name tells the whole story—CoreTrans, a name that highlights their commitment to efficiency just like their slogan: “At the CORE of Your Supply Chain!” Just take a look at CoreTrans’ track record, and you will see that their slogan is more than just words on a sign. The team has won a slew of awards throughout the past decade, including the 2012 National Safety Award, 2012 Carrier of the Year for Wausau Paper, a large customer of theirs; 2013 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, 2015 Great West Award, as well as several awards from Pulaski County’s March of Dimes.

Though CoreTrans maintains a reputation for its dependability and strong customer service, Brian Whitaker understands that giving back to the community is just as important as running an efficient fleet. Even before the pandemic struck, there was a shortage of crucial transportation workers. In 2019, Bloomberg estimated that the U.S. lacked roughly 300,000 truck drivers needed to fill the predicted level of consumer demand. Understanding this shortage, Brian decided to take action and made a donation to Somerset Community College—SCC—to kick-start their new truck driver-training program. That year, SCC received a 2007 Volvo sleeper truck courtesy of CoreTrans, which allowed the students to train in a real work setting while enrolled in the college’s commercial driver’s license or truck driver training program. Their donation not only helps the students of SCC, it bolsters the local and regional economy by creating a pipeline of truck drivers to fulfill Kentucky’s needs.

In 2021, Brian demonstrated that his charitable spirit expands beyond the students at SCC, as Western Kentucky dealt with the aftermath of devastating December tornados. Seeing how so many of their Western neighbors lost everything right before the Christmas season, CoreTrans teamed

up with Ricky Thomas, owner of Wildcat Used Cars, to collect supplies for the donation to Mayfield residents. Mr. Thomas knew the desire to help out the tornado-torn areas was strong within his community, but the logistics of hundreds of people driving several hours individually to donate goods was not practical. Instead, Mr. Thomas utilized his car lot as a drop-off site, and CoreTrans donated one of their tractor trailers for the job of transporting the supplies to Mayfield. Together, these two small businesses answered Kentuckians’ call during their time of need; and in true CoreTrans spirit, they did it in the most efficient way possible.

When Brian Whitaker opened up shop in 2002, he intended to create more than just a trucking company. His purpose was to start a business on which Kentucky could depend, on the road and in the warehouse. In executing this mission, CoreTrans became a business that supports local and regional commerce, fosters job creation, strengthens the supply chain, and carries out a vital part of our Nation’s economy by providing everyday citizens with the goods they need. Congratulations to Brian Whitaker and the entire team at CoreTrans. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2102. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure.

S. 2533. An act to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 4089. An act to restore entitlement to educational assistance under Veterans Rapid Retraining Program in cases of a closure of an educational institution or a disapproval of a program of education, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following

bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 350. An act to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism.

H.R. 2724. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for peer support specialists for claimants who are survivors of military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2992. An act to direct the Attorney General to develop crisis intervention training tools for use by first responders related to interacting with persons who have a traumatic brain injury, another form of acquired brain injury, or posttraumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5738. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 6052. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6064. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations, furnished by the Secretary to individuals who submit claims to the Secretary for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code, for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma.

H.R. 6531. An act to provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in areas of persistent poverty, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6943. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize public safety officer death benefits to officers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or acute stress disorder, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6961. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve hearings before the Board of Veterans’ Appeals regarding claims involving military sexual trauma.

H.R. 7335. An act to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7790. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations to address the shortage of infant formula in the United States for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7791. An act to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish waiver authority to address certain emergencies, disasters, and supply chain disruptions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2938. An act to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “Joseph Woodrow Hatcher United States Courthouse and Federal Building”, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1091(b)(1)(E) of the